

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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In re U.S. Patent Application of Vaidyanathan,	)	
et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No. 10/038,398	)	
	)	Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett
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For: Compositions and Methods for	)	
Biomedical Applications	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, a response is due on or before March 12, 2007, and this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.